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In re Patent Application of:
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For: DATA ENCODING FOR FAST CAM AND
TCAM ACCESS TIMES

**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S
STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicant agrees in part with the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance in that the prior art of record fails to disclose, teach or suggest the claimed invention. However, Applicant notes that the Examiner's statement fails to address all limitations of all of the allowed claims, including those in the dependent claims, each of which defines a unique combination of features not shown or suggested by the prior art, providing additional reasons for allowance of each claim.

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Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that the scope of the claimed invention should not be limited by the Examiner's statement, but rather the scope of the claimed invention should be based on the actual language of the allowed claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

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